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Guillory, Andre P.

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For:

System For Selective Notification Of

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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, OR 365(c)

Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6), Applicant hereby petitions for the acceptance of applicant's priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to patent application serial number 60/189,160, filed March 14, 2000, entitled In Home/Office Tornado Alert System. Inventorship and ownership of the '772 application and the '160 application are the same. Concurrent with the

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date of this Petition, applicant is submiting an Amendment requesting the claim of priority be

entered in the specification of the application. A petition for a one month extension of time is

included in with that Amendment. Applicant has attached a copy of that Amendment and the

petition for one month extension of time hereto and asks that the Amendment be entered.

Applicant also states the entire delay between the date the priority claim was due and the

date the claim was filed was unintentional.

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It is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

## In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows. Immediately below is the clean set of the amended paragraphs for the specification. The marked up version of the paragraphs for the specification is set out after the signatory page of this Amendment.

On page 1, after the Title and before the section entitled **Background of the Invention**, please insert:

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## -- Cross Reference to Related Applications



This application claims benefit of priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 60/189,160, filed March 14, 2000, and entitled In Home/Office Tornado Alert System, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

## Remarks

The Examiner rejected the present application as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,295,001, issued to Barber (the "Barber patent"). On the face of the Barber patent, the Barber patent has an identified filing date of August 21, 2000 (the "Barber patent filing date"), and an issue date of September 25, 2001.

Applicant submits herewith an Affidavit under 37 CFR §1.131 stating that Applicant conceived of, and reduced, the invention hereof prior to the Barber patent filing date, and that Applicant practiced due diligence from the time of the date of invention to the time the present patent application was filed. Additionally, Applicant has filed separately, although on the same date as this Amendment, a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim of Priority. The claim has been made to claim priority for the present application to U.S. Application Serial No. 60/189,160, filed March 14, 2000, and entitled In Home/Office Tornado Alert System. A copy of that Petition is included as Exhibit D to the Affidavit filed herewith.

Since Applicant has sworn behind the Barber patent, Applicant requests that the rejection based on that reference be removed. No other rejections are pending. Therefore, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

No new matter has been added. Thus, no new review is required, and no new search is required.

The references cited by the Examiner and made of record have been reviewed by Applicant. Applicant has no further remarks with regard thereto.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the Applicant's invention as defined by the claims is patentable over the references of record. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Applicant's attorney welcomes the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner in the event that there are any questions or comments regarding this response or the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## Marked up Specification

On page 1, after the Title and before the section entitled **Background of the**Invention, please insert:

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## AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Andre P. Guillory, state as follows.

- I am the inventor of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/804,772, filed March 13, 2001, entitled System for Selective Notification of Severe Weather Events, (the "'772 patent application").
- 2. The '772 patent application was rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,295,001, issued to Barber (the "Barber patent"). On the face of the Barber patent, the Barber patent has an identified filing date of August 21, 2000 (the "Barber patent filing date"), and an issue date of September 25, 2001.
- 3. My invention, as identified in the '772 patent application, was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the Barber patent filing date. I practiced due diligence between the time of my date of invention to the time the '772 patent application was filed. The following paragraphs provide support thereof.
- 4. On March 14, 2000, I filed a provisional patent application assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/189,160, entitled In Home/Office Tornado Alert System (the "160 patent application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B, and incorporated herein by reference, is the filing receipt for the '160 patent application.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by reference, is a copy of a patent search I completed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. The sales slip for this search is dated February 10, 2000.

7. Further, I will file (through my attorney), on the date concurrent herewith, a petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority to the '160 patent application. A copy of that petition is attached hereto as Exhibit D, and incorporated herein by reference. Further, an amendment requesting that the specification of the '772 patent application be amended to include the delayed claim for priority is filed concurrently herewith.

EXECUTED this 25 day of February, 2002.

Andre P. Guillory

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On this \_25<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2002, before me personally appeared Andre P. Guillory, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein, set forth.

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My Commission Expires:

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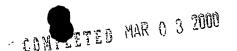
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## IN HOME / OFFICE TORNADO ALERT SYSTEM

This invention relates to In home/office tornado alert system. More specifically it relates to a tornado alert system which will alert homeowners/ office personnel of Tornado activity / sightings at the same time as the Civil Defense Police Departments sound current siren alerts.

Tornados are the worlds most destructive and active weather related danger. They have caused extensive damage to property and person even taken lives. If you can notify people at all times, day or night, while at home sleeping or awake, you can give them just a few more precious minutes or even seconds, to seek shelter in the home or nearby shelters.

Various Tornado warning systems have been developed for detecting Tornados, I don't propose to make any attempt develop these any further, rather to improve the ability to alert person in the path of Tornados, to give them as much time to seek shelter from these Masters of Destruction.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is the primary objective of this invention, to improve the current Tornado Alert Systems, by improving our ability to alert persons. Day or Night, at home as well as in the office/ business.

The technology for the alert system will allow a reliable alert system with message and alert tome capability.

The power source for the system will be provided by AC 120 V.or DC/AA battery backup.

The signal for the In Home/ Office System will be received by a built in high frequency radio receiver, which will pickup specific signals transmitted by the control unit at current siren capability as well as rural locations.

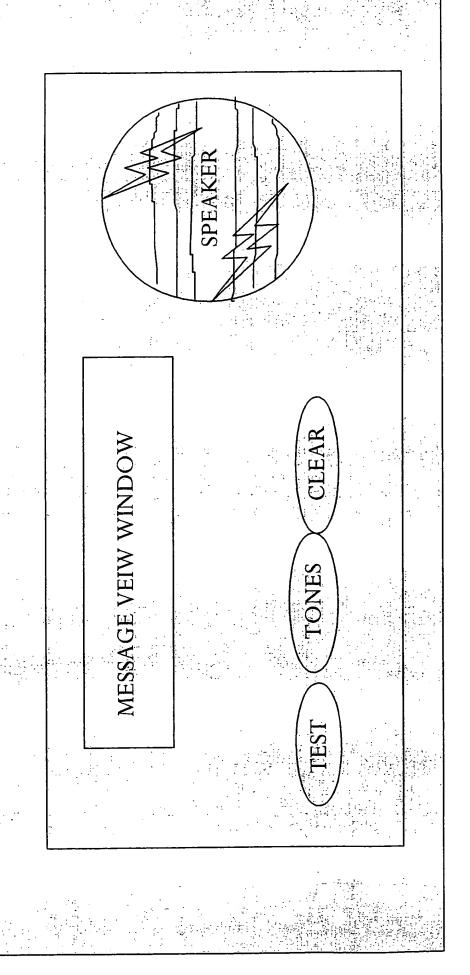
Each receiver will be programmed with a location address - numerical in nature. This address will allow specific receivers to be placed in homes and businesses in the same area to receive the alert messages and tones from their respective transmitting controllers. The receivers will all operate on the same frequency, but addresses all the receivers to disregard messages from overlapping controllers signals.

The receiver will have a microprocessor to provide the capability of tones ,messages, signals ,alert for low battery ,AC power failures etc.... It will also have the ability to do self checks and testing of its internal functions.

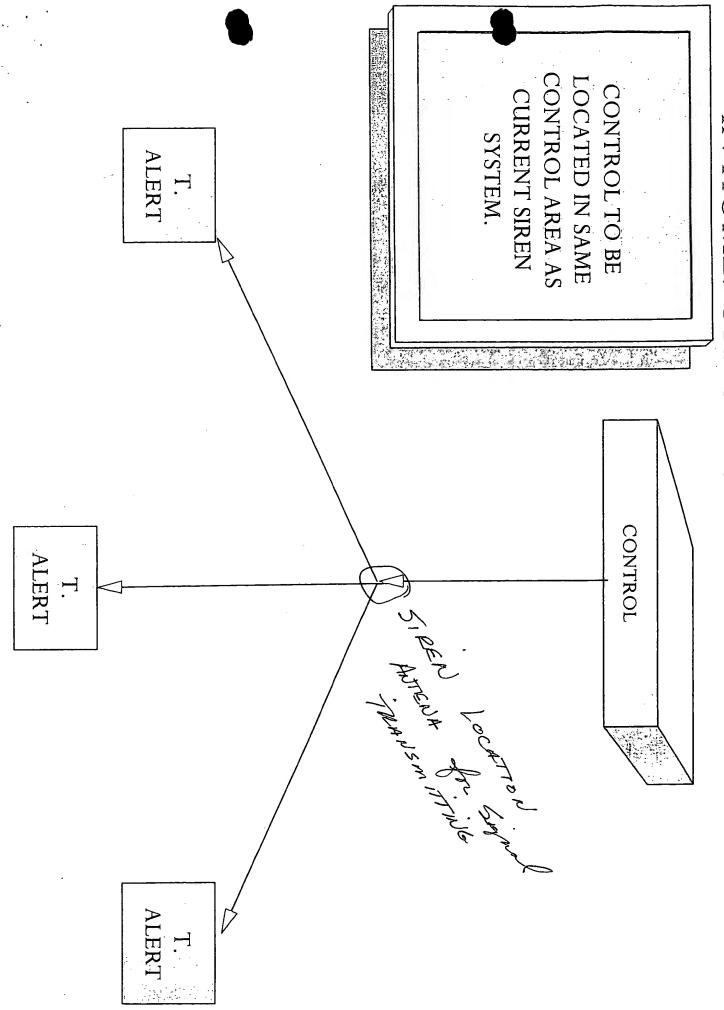
I have prepared a drawing of a community with present day siren alert towers, coverage and the coverage using the IN HOME/OFFICE TORNADO ALERT SYSTEM .Also I have attached a simple drawing of the in home unit and the controller.

INVENTOR: ANDRE' P.GUILLORY

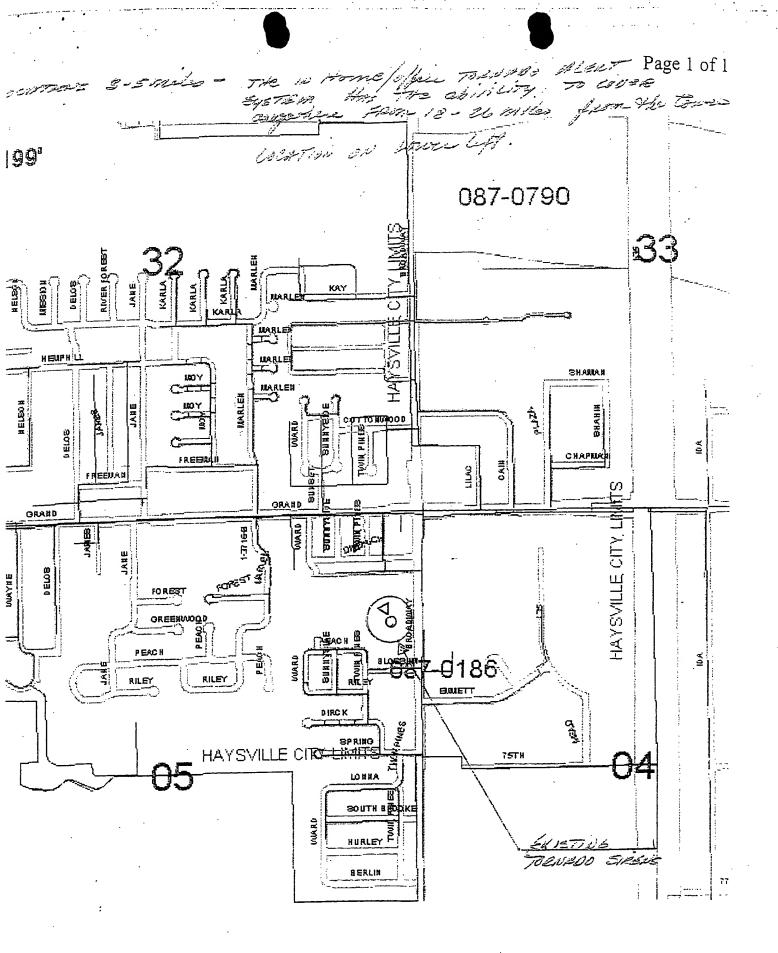
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Receipt is acknowledged of this provisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one (1) month extension of time in which to reply to the outstanding Office action carrying a response due date of January 23, 2002 (which was a Saturday). The undersigned hereby authorizes that the \$55.00 fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 12-0600. In the event that the

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